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The forty-fourth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in the East Washington Mission Church, on Wednesday, March 13th, 1872, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the President by reading the 15th chapter of St. John's Gospel, singing the 374th hymn, and prayer; after which he took the chair, and the roll was called by the Secretary.

B. F. Benson and C. T. Cochel were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The following is the list of members reported :

MINISTERS.—D. Evans Reese, J. W. Everist, James K. Nichols, John Elderdice, John R. Nichols, A. S. Eversole, J. M. Elderdice, L. W. Bates, A. Baker, S. B. Southerland, H. P. Jordan, J. J. Murray, P. L. Wilson, D. W. Bates, John Roberts, R. S. Norris, W. T. Dumm, D. A. Shermer, David Wilson, T. D. Valiant, H. J. Day, F. Swentzel, T. M. Bryan, Jesse Shreeve, J. A. McFaden, J. H. Ellegood, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. Clay, Thos. Lee, J. T. Murray, W. S. Hammond, H. C. Cushing, T. A. Moore, J. Thompson, A. D. Dick, W. G. Holmes, C. H. Littleton, D. F. Ewell, J. T. Ward, B. F. Benson, W. M. Strayer, C. T. Cochel, J. E. T. Ewell, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. E. Maloy, J. L. Mills, R. Whinna, J. W. Charlton, J. B. Jones, J. W. Gray, A. Webster, W. D. Litsinger, J. D. Kinzer, George D. Edmonston, S. T. Graham, J. T. Lassell, S. T. Ferguson, R. S. Rowe, J. M. Holmes, J. E. Read, A. T. Melvin, A. W. Mather, H. E. Miskimon, J. E. Darby, W. C. Lipscomb, J. P. Wilson, T. McCormick, Amon Richards, Isaac T. Adkins, W. A. Crouse, D. L. Greenfield, C. McF. Thompson, C. O. Melvin, W. C. Ames, Wm. H. Lane, F. T. Tagg, Jacob D. Wilson, W. J. Floyd, J. L. Straughn, W. F. Livingston, Henry Bruner, J. L. Killgore, E. R. McGregor.

PROBATIONERS.—Samuel G. Valliant, A. D. Melvin, F. T. Little, S. B. Treadway, T. O. Crouse.

DELEGATES.—P. M. Pearson, A. A. Richards, James A. Smith, J. A. Kennedy, J. H. Scarborough, William Hawkins, C. Zerkel, Wm. Anderson, D. V. Hammond, William Pulley, Jefferson Tacey, John H. Giles, C. Downs, H. F. Zollickoffer, John Wilson, Joseph Graham, Alison Gardner, H. Meeks, B. F. H. Caulk, C. W. Payne, J. L. Gemmill, T. R. Harper, G. T. Hering, W. T. P. Turpin, Thomas Edwards, A. M. Sponceller, W. H. Ross, George Kenly, Robert B. Varden, R. B. Norment, L. J. Cathell, James F. Anderson, A. P. Ellis, P. M. Arbuckle, R. H. Powell, C. H. Richardson, Frederick Etchison, J. S. Simmons, Jacob T. Eversole, Thomas H. Wright, G. S. Etchison, John Zimmerman, Ringgold Bounds, J. W. Clark, Henry Becker, A. H. Greenfield, Ormond Hammond, A. J. Horsey, T. A. Newman, Pere Wilmer, Joseph W. Price, John T. Dodd, James Holscomb, Thomas B. Fegan, T. S. Clarke, William C. Coulbourn, James B. Mathews, Wm. Slaughter, A. W. Nicodemus, J. J. Smouse.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—George D. Edmonston, A. P. Ellis, J. Horsey.

FINANCE.—S. B. Southerland, D. Wilson, H. C. Cushing, H. F. Zollickoffer, Wm. S. Greenwood.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.—Wm. M. Strayer, D. L. Greenfield, J. W. Fenimore.

STATISTICS.—A. S. Eversole.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—J. T. Murray.

COLLECTION FOR MINUTES.—C. T. Cochel, Elias Downes.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS (*Disciplinary Committee*).—John Roberts, J. T. Lassell, R. Whinna, A. W. Nicodemus, J. L. Gemmill.

ORDERS (*Conference Committee*).—Faculty of Instruction.

BOUNDARIES.—R. B. Varden, Wm. T. P. Turpin, Wm. Coulbourn, J. S. Simmons, Thomas Edwards, F. Etchison, John Giles.

MISSIONS.—D. W. Bates, J. R. Nichols, S. B. Southerland, J. B. Mitchell, Geo. Cesna, Geo. T. Kenly.

LITERATURE.—L. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant, B. F. Benson, R. B. Norment, B. F. H. Caulk, Pere Wilmer.

SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.—J. J. Murray, J. R. Nichols, J. L. Mills, Wm. Hawkins, J. Wilson, D. Hering.

EXECUTIVE.—A. Webster, S. B. Southerland, E. J. Drinkhouse, A. H. Greenfield, Joseph Graham, R. B. Varden.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—R. S. Norris, F. Swentzel, Jesse Shreeve, C. W. Payne, F. Shaffer, J. Scarborough.

TEMPERANCE.—Wm. S. Hammond, C. H. Littleton, S. T. Graham, W. Anderson, A. J. Horsey, A. P. Ellis.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATIONS.—J. T. Murray, E. J. Drinkhouse, R. S. Norris, W. Coulbourn, R. B. Norment.

BIBLE CAUSE.—J. T. Ward, Wm. T. Dumm, J. E. Read, Thomas Edwards, C. H. Richardson.

PULPIT SERVICES.—J. P. Wilson, E. J. Drinkhouse, L. W. Bates.

The President, Dr. Webster being called to the chair, then read his official report, when his official character being objected to by W. M. Strayer, the case was referred to a special Committee of five, consisting of A. S. Eversole, D. Wilson, H. C. Cushing, R. B. Norment and J. Tacey.

The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

When Conference resumed its labors, the examination of official character was continued. The name of H. Nice being called, his case was referred to the following Committee: D. A. Shermer, T. D. Valiant and F. Etchison.

The request of O. O'B. Strayer, to be marked withdrawn from the Ministry, was granted.

THURSDAY MORNING, *March 14th*, 1872—9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. D. Wilson. Minutes were read and approved.

Committee on the case of H. Nice recommend that he be marked "withdrawn." S. B. Southerland moved to amend by inserting "under suspension," on charges of mal-administration. The report, as amended, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the case of the President was, after a long discussion, laid on the table. On motion, the official character of the President passed.

Conference proceeded to the election of President, and Rev. D. Evans Reese, D. D., was re-elected.

FRIDAY, *March 15th*, 1872.

Conference opened with religious exercises, conducted by Rev. J. B. Jones.

Rev. Thomas Aaron, President of Louisiana and Arkansas District, M. P. Church, and Professor McKeever, of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Meth. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Conference proceeded to the election of officers, with the following results:

Standing District Committee.—Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, Dr. J. W. Hering, B. H. Richardson, P. M. Pearson.

The *Committee on Appeals* elected are as follows: H. C. Cushing, John Roberts, Dr. J. J. Murray, J. Tacey, John T. Dodd.

The following officers were elected: Conference Steward, R. S. Rowe; Missionary Steward, R. Whinna; Superannuated Fund Steward, J. E. Maloy; Secretary, J. W. Charlton; Assistant Secretaries, Chas. H. Richardson and D. L. Greenfield.

When the name of Rev. H. C. Hayghe was called, Rev. J. T. Murray announced his death, paying an appreciative tribute to his memory, and was followed by D. W. Bates and H. C. Cushing.

When the name of Rev. John Morgan was called, Rev. D. W. Bates announced his death.

Rev. Dr. Butler, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. J. H. Dashiell, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

It was determined to hold the Conference Superannuated Fund meeting this evening, at 7½ o'clock.

W. D. Litsinger was authorized to receive and pay over collections for the Maryland Tract Society.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the transfer of Dr. Kilgore to this Conference has our cordial approbation.

SATURDAY, *March 16th*, 1872.

Conference was opened with religious exercises by Rev. J. L. Mills.

On motion of Rev. John Roberts, Chairman, the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was taken up, and the following brethren were admitted into the Itinerancy: E. R. McGregor, A. D. Melvin, Francis T. Little, Silas B. Treadway, Wm. F. Livingstone.

The application of Robert H. Powell was withdrawn.

At subsequent periods of the session, T. O. Crouse was received into the Itinerancy; W. J. Lucas left in the hands of the President, when he shall have received the proper recommendation.

Henry Bruner and J. L. Straughn were elected to Deacon's orders. D. L. Greenfield, Amos H. Greenfield, Robert H. Powell, Wm. H. Lane, F. T. Tagg, W. J. Floyd and C. O. Melvin were elected to Elder's orders.

The Committee also reported that, as a rule of the Conference requires all applicants for orders to appear before the Faculty of Instruction for examination, they could not report favorably on the application of J. E. Nicholson for a special Committee of Examination in his case.

On motion, report of the Committee on Boundaries was read and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the request of the Quarterly Conference of Howard and Clarksville Circuits, to be united and called Howard Circuit, with the following appointments: Howard Chapel, Ridgeville, Poplar Springs, Lisbon, Union Chapel, Jennings, Linden Chapel, Mt. Carmel, Brookville, Linthicum Chapel and All Saints—to be supplied with one married and one single minister—be granted.

2. *Resolved*, That Newtown and Salem Station be joined and called Newtown Circuit—to be supplied with a married minister.

3. *Resolved*, That Kennedyville be left in the hands of the Conference.

4. *Resolved*, That Hampden appointment be set apart from Baltimore Circuit and constituted a Mission, with an appropriation.

R. B. VARDEN, *Chairman*.

The report of Agent of President's Parsonage Fund, and Treasurer of the Virginia Conference Fund, and Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, was referred to a special Committee of three, as follows: J. R. Nichols, A. S. Eversole, P. M. Pearson.

A paper from the Board of Beneficence of St. John's Church was read and referred to a special Committee of three, as follows: S. B. Southerland, James K. Nichols and Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer.

The report of the Committee on President's Communication was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That a Committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to prepare a pastoral address to the Churches in the Maryland District, for the purpose of inspiring us with increased zeal and diligence in our great work of spreading Scriptural holiness.

S. G. Valliant was left without an appointment for one year, at his own request.

Report of special Committee on the letter of Wm. T. Dumm was read and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, After hearing the statement of Wm. T. Dumm, which set forth that his Quarterly Conference failed to fix his salary according to the Discipline, page 45, and after making allowance for gratuitous family supplies, it is the judgment of your Committee that his allowance, having a wife and four children to provide for, should not be less than eight hundred (\$800) dollars.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

Conference proceeded to election of place of holding its session next year, when Broadway was selected—the time selected being the second Wednesday in March, 1873.

MONDAY, *March 18th*, 1872.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. J. H. Ellegood. Dr. Webster was called to the chair.

Report of Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations was read, received and adopted.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations respectfully report as follows:

I. *Communications*.—We have received letters of fraternal greeting from Revs. H. P. F. King and John Norris, Messengers appointed by the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and hereby express our regret that these brethren could not find it convenient to visit us in person. We heartily reciprocate their expressions of brotherly regard and of interest in our common cause. We rejoice in the prosperity of the Church in West Virginia, and pray that Divine favor in still greater degree may distinguish its future efforts in the cause of Christ, under the banner of mutual rights.

We have also received a joint letter of brotherly greeting from Revs. Henry Palmer and G. G. Westfall, Fraternal Messengers appointed by the Pittsburgh Conference, Methodist Church. We return these brethren, and those they represent, assurances of our Christian regards, and of our best wishes for their success in the field of Gospel enterprise. We rejoice with them in the growing tendencies among Christian sects toward nearer relations to each other. We will cultivate the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace; trusting to the wisdom of Providence to adjust the relations between the Methodist Church and our own, in such a manner as may best promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

II. *Visitors*.—We are gratified at having as a visitor Rev. Thomas Aaron, President of the Louisiana and Arkansas Conference. We commend the enterprise he represents, of building a Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, to the aid of those who can contribute anything to so worthy an object as building a Methodist Protestant Church at that important centre of influence in the Southwest.

We are also pleased with the fraternal visit of Rev. Prof. J. W. McKeever, of the Pittsburgh Conference, Methodist Church, and hereby express toward him our personal regards, and assurances of a hearty welcome in our midst.

We have again the gratification of seeing in our midst our ever welcome and highly esteemed brother, C. W. Button, Esq., of Lynchburg, Virginia, Station. Bro. Button comes as Fraternal Messenger from the Virginia Conference.

Your Committee have also received the fraternal letter of Rev. George R. Barr, of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and sincerely regret his absence, and that of his colleague, Rev. H. C. Butt. We reciprocate all their expressions of fraternal greetings, and rejoice with them over the growing prosperity of their Conference District.

We have furthermore received a communication from Revs. G. W. Sterigere and Moses Harvey, Fraternal Messengers from Pennsylvania Conference, M. P. Church, bearing to us the fraternal regards of that Conference. We receive with pleasure their expressions of brotherly love, and assure them they are cordially reciprocated. We recommend the appointment of Fraternal Messengers to the various Conferences named in this report.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee to inquire into the investments of the Phebean Society was read and adopted:

The Committee appointed to inquire into the investments of the Phebean Society report that they have examined the conditions of the trust and find that the net proceeds of the property are to be paid unto the President, for the time being, of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, for distribution among such ministers and preachers who shall come to said Conference with their salaries unpaid in whole or in part. We find that the sum of eighty-seven dollars back rent is now due upon the property, and as those who are entitled to its benefits are deprived of them if the rent due is not sent to each session of the Annual Conference, we respectfully request the Trustees to insist upon prompt payment of the rent, and that, if necessary, they avail themselves of a legal process to this end.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

• It was resolved that half of the amount appropriated to Sister Raleigh be paid to Bro. Dodd to cover the expenses of her burial which he incurred, she having died about the middle of the year and left no legal heir.

Report of Committee to whom was referred the report of the Missionary from Williamsport was read and adopted, as follows:

The Committee beg leave to report that beside the energetic and faithful efforts of the Missionary, Rev. J. Clay, the case being now in course of legal progress, we find nothing to present to the attention of Conference.

P. L. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Report of Special Committee on application for ministerial supply without the bounds of our own District, was read and adopted as follows:

The Committee beg leave to report that they recommend the Conference to authorize the President to supply the following points in our general work, whose applications have been before us, if found practicable: Lynchburg Station, Virginia; Heathville Circuit, Virginia; Norfolk Station, Virginia; Greenville Circuit, Alabama.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

It was resolved that the Treasurer of the Virginia fund is hereby directed to pay the balance in his hands to the minister who may supply Norfolk Church the ensuing year.

The order of the day being called, Rev. Thomas Aaron, President of Arkansas and Louisiana Conference, proceeded to address the Conference, soliciting aid for the establishment of a Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

C. W. Button, Esq., Messenger from Virginia Conference, and Rev. Prof. McKeever, of Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced and addressed the Conference. They were responded to by the President and J. T. Murray.

Letters from Revs. Henry Palmer and G. G. Westfall, Fraternal Messengers from West Virginia Conference; Geo. R. Barr, Fraternal Messenger from Holston Conference, were read.

On motion, it was resolved that this Conference expresses the hope that the day is not distant when all the branches of non-episcopal Methodism will be united in one organic denomination, and that we pray for the nearer approximation of all branches of common Methodism throughout the country and the world.

On motion, it was resolved that all the appointees of this Conference have an equal claim upon the funds conformably with the rules thereof.

TUESDAY, *March 19th*, 1872.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev. J. W. Gray. Dr. Webster was called to the chair.

C. T. Cochel, of Committee on Collection for Ministers, reported a collection of \$83.80.

Report of the Committee on Boundaries was read and adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That Finksburg Circuit be supplied with two preachers, one married and one single.

2. That Anne Arundel and Severn Circuit be so divided that Brooklyn, Holly Run, Severn and Marley's constitute one charge, to be called Anne Arundel Circuit, and be supplied with one married minister.

3. That White Marsh, Gideon, Town Neck and Asbury be constituted one charge, to be called Severn Circuit, to be supplied with a single minister.

Report of Committee on Missionary Plan was read and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred, by Rev. B. F. Benson, a plan for Missionary collections, beg leave to report :

Your Committee having examined said papers, after making some inquiries into the probable cost of printing said envelopes and schedules, and being assured of the excellency of the plan proposed for securing better Missionary collections, do hereby recommend its adoption. Therefore,

Resolved, That the envelope and schedule system proposed in these papers be adopted.

T. D. VALIANT, *Chairman*.

The Trustees of Western Maryland College submitted their report, and the request for the continuance of College Agent was granted :

Western Maryland College was purchased by the Board of Trustees in August, 1868, for the sum of eighteen thousand dollars. The property consisted of a large and well arranged building with eight acres of land, immediately adjoining the city of Westminster. A large quantity of furniture has been supplied. As also, philosophical and chemical apparatus to the scientific department of the school; three pianos and one organ have been purchased for the department of music, such improvements to the building and grounds as the necessity of the case imperatively demanded have, from time to time, been made, and the expenditures thus occurring up to the present, using at all times the most rigid economy, reach the sum of seven thousand dollars.

The increase in the number of pupils made it necessary, in the judgment of the Board, to erect during the past summer an addition to the College building; the size of which is thirty-seven and a-half feet wide, fifty feet long, and seventy feet high. This addition is of the most substantial character, and was built at a cost of six thousand dollars. The gross amount of property now in possession of the Board reaches nearly, if not quite, the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars. Upon this there is a net indebtedness of twenty-seven thousand dollars.

The plan known as the "Hundred Dollar Plan," successfully pursued by the Agent, did a good work for the College in introducing it to the public; but the plan, however successful, has not, and it was not contemplated for it, in any degree, to reduce the College debt. Each subscription is redeemable in tuition, and must be charged against the College, until it is so redeemed. The Board feel it due to make this statement, so that no one may be under the impression that the "Hundred Dollar Plan" was intended or has in any way affected the debt.

The greatest possible care has been bestowed upon the business management of the College. Current expenses, including interest upon the debt, have been met by the revenue from the school. But it must be apparent to every one, that the indebtedness can never be reduced from this source.

The recent success of the Agent in securing one thousand dollar subscriptions, to the extent of ten thousand dollars, has given us hope of relief from the difficulty. The Conference is appealed to for help.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was taken up and adopted, as follows:

To Rev. John Elderdice, \$650; J. A. McFaden, \$650; Daniel F. Ewell, \$500; Thomas Lee, \$450; H. J. Day, \$400; Thomas M. Bryan, \$400; John W. Everist, \$200; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$650; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$500; Mrs. Daniel Bowers, \$400; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$250; Mrs. J. F. Whiteside, \$400; Mrs. Washington Roby, \$400; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$250; Mrs. Wm. Kesley, \$200; Mrs. R. T. Boyd, \$200; Mrs. Josiah Varden, \$200; Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, \$200; Mrs. Wm. T. Wright, \$200; Mrs. Isaac Webster, \$200; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$200.

The Committee have been embarrassed by the evasive answers given by some of the claimants, to the questions propounded in the circular, and in consequence may have failed to recommend as equitable a distribution of the funds, as the necessities of the claimants require. They were compelled to act upon such information as they possessed, and regret that it was not more satisfactory. From several who have been claimants heretofore, the Committee have received no communication. If they are to be considered as claimants, notwithstanding, the Committee recommend that they be allowed the following sums, provided they shall give the necessary information at the next Conference:

Mrs. John S. Reese, \$200; Mrs. Joseph Scull, \$200.

JOHN J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That this Conference recognizes the importance of greater zeal in behalf of the cause of temperance, and recommends the ministers and members of the Church throughout the District, to employ every possible means by which to discountenance the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

2. *Resolved*, That having been greatly pleased with the proceedings of the Temperance Convention, held during the session of Conference, we recommend that the Committee who had charge of its arrangement shall be continued in office during the ensuing year; and that on Thursday night, at 7½ o'clock, of the next session of Conference, a similar convention be held.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

The first item of the report of Committee on Literature was withdrawn for amendment, and as amended, was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee having carefully considered the several interests committed to them, respectfully submit the following as their report:

- WHEREAS, It is evidently necessary that the strictest economy should be observed, the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution by the Conference:

Resolved, That the Book Directory are respectfully requested not to make any further appropriation for the editorial department of the paper, provided the ministers located in Baltimore, competent to do so, do not refuse such service gratuitously.

While the gain of 1,514 new subscribers is a gratifying and encouraging fact, the loss of 1,400 subscribers since July last is greatly to be deplored, and thinking it possible that the manner of notifying them may have contributed to this unfavorable result, we respectfully recommend to the Directory the adoption of the system so generally in use among newspaper publishers, viz: that of printed slips bearing the name of the subscriber, and the date when the subscription will expire.

Your Committee further recommend that the election of Bros. B. H. Richardson and W. J. C. Dulany, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of our lamented brother, E. C. Thomas, and the resignation of Bro. L. J. Cox, be confirmed.

Believing the subscription list would be greatly increased by a traveling agent, and that such an agent can be secured, your Committee respectfully recommend the experiment to the Directory.

We think it eminently due the Directory to express the obligations of the Conference and the Church to them for their services in behalf of the Book Concern and Paper, and we also take pleasure in expressing our approval of the general management of the paper and the editorial columns.

II. *The Western Maryland College*.—In the absence of an official report setting forth the progress of this excellent and flourishing educational Institution of our Church, we think it due the efficient and faithful College Agent, Rev. P. Light Wilson, to express the thanks of the Conference and the Church at large for his earnest and successful effort.

Your Committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

1. That a Committee of five be appointed by the Conference, whose duty it shall be to examine those who apply for the gratuitous benefits of the Theological Department of the College; and that said Committee, in conducting the examination, shall have special reference to the call of the applicants to the Gospel, to their devotion to the Methodist Protestant Church, and to their disposition to devote life and talent to the work of the ministry in said Church.

2. That no applicant shall be approved by said Committee unless he brings a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of the Circuit or Station with which he is connected.

3. That those who shall be approved shall be examined from time to time by said Committee upon their studies, and shall not be received into the Conference until recommended by said Committee :

4. That all applicants shall be required to give their written obligation to the proper authorities of the College, for the amount expended in their education, to be met, if at any time during the course of study, at its close, or within five years after leaving College, they shall enter the ministry of any other Church, or devote themselves to secular employments.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Centenary Fund, President's Mansion, and Virginia Conference was read and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred three papers, No. 1 on Centenary Fund, No. 2 on President's Parsonage, No. 3 on Virginia Conference Fund, presented by Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer as Treasurer and Agent, submit the following report :

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| 1st. The whole amount collected on centenary notes (including \$150.57 on hand) since last report..... | \$505 57 |
| Paid to Broadway Mission..... | \$259 00 |
| Paid to Frederick Mission..... | 200 00 |
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| | 459 00 |
| Leaving in hand of Treasurer..... | \$46 57 |
| 2d. Amount expended on President's parsonage property for repairs, ground rent and paying off former agent..... | \$349 75 |
| Received from Dr. Reese, President..... | 250 00 |
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| Balance due Agent..... | \$99 75 |

We recommend that the note appended to this paper be read before the Conference, viz : "The Agent begs leave to report to the Conference that the

above repairs to the parsonage were absolutely necessary for the protection of the property, together with its respectable appearance; and no new furniture was purchased, no old repaired except when necessary. In future, the annual ground rent will be \$56.25, and the annual water rent \$14. By paying the latter in advance an abatement of \$1.40 can be secured. The expenses in connection with the property and furniture will not be so great the next two years. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER.

3d. The whole amount donated and collected for the benefit of the Virginia Conference to date.....\$769 20
Disbursed by order and direction of Presidents of Maryland and Virginia Districts... . 633 00
Balance on hand.....\$136 20

4th. We recommend that Dr. Zollickoffer receive the thanks of this Conference for his faithful and gratuitous services in behalf of these several interests, and his services be retained with his consent.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That as the religious instruction of the young, with a view to their speedy conversion, is a specific work of the Church, it should, therefore, receive the earnest support of both preachers and people.

2. *Resolved*, That we regard the Sabbath School, in connection with a faithful home instruction, as one of the most effective agencies under God for the accomplishment of this end.

3. *Resolved*, That as the Bible is the proper text-book of the Sabbath School to be faithfully read and studied, it follows that the utmost care should be taken to keep out of our circulating libraries all books of a doubtful character. In view of securing a result so desirable

4. *Resolved*, That the Book Directors be a Committee on Sabbath School Libraries, and the ministers and Sunday School workers in Maryland send to the said Directors the titles of such books as in their judgment, after a careful examination, are suitable to be used in Sunday Schools, and that the Directors be requested to publish catalogues of these books for the use of Sunday Schools in selecting libraries.

5. *Resolved*, That this Conference will endorse the publication of a Sunday School paper, as an individual enterprise; provided it can be furnished at as low rates as current papers of the same kind and quality.

R. S. NORRIS, *Chairman*.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS.

To Virginia Conference—L. W. Bates, A. Webster, S. B. Southerland, T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse, T. A. Newman, James A. Kennedy.

To Pittsburg Methodist Church—D. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, J. W. Hering, D. Wilson.

To Holston Conference—J. T. Murray, F. Swentzel, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer.

To West Virginia Conference—H. C. Cushing, E. R. McGregor, D. Hammond.

To Pennsylvania Conference—John Roberts, R. Whinna, P. M. Arbuckle.

On motion, it was resolved that the Superannuated Fund Steward be authorized to pay to the heirs of Rev. John Morgan one-fourth of the allowance made to him last year.

The report of Committee on papers from H. P. Jordan, together with said papers, were referred to next Annual Conference.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to procure a lithographic design for a Juvenile Life Membership Card, for the use of our Sabbath Schools: R. S. Norris, Dr. F. Swentzel and F. Etchison.

Report of Special Committee to whom was referred the letter from Board of Beneficence of St. John's Church, was read, received and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That as Conference we hereby express our high appreciation of the liberality of the St. John's Board of Beneficence in donating \$1,000 to the support of Lexington Street M. P. Church, for the ensuing year, on condition that a like sum be guaranteed by the Conference.

Resolved, That we have great satisfaction in the assurances that the condition made by the said Board has been complied with, and their liberality made available to the support of said Church.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was resolved that Superintendents of Circuits and Stations give strict attention to that part of their duty specified on page 72, sec. 3d; of the Discipline.

WEDNESDAY, *March 20, 1872.*

Conference opened with devotional exercises by Rev. John R. Nichols.

The President appointed the following committee on examination of candidates for the gratuitous benefits of the Theological Department of Western Maryland College: James K. Nichols, James T. Ward, W. S. Hammond, H. C. Cushing, E. R. McGregor.

Report of the Committee on Missions :

The report of the Committee on Missions, Rev. D. W. Bates, chairman, was submitted and adopted, as follows :

1st. East Washington to be made a Station, and to be called the First Methodist Protestant Church of Washington city.

2d. Frederick City Mission to remain in the same relation as last year.

3d. Hampden to be united to Baltimore Circuit for one year.

4th. Tyaskin Mission to be made a Circuit, and the name changed to Wicomico.

5th. White Ground and Carroll Missions left to be supplied.

A resolution was also adopted authorizing the Superintendents to use the Missionary Certificate in securing the assessments of their respective charges.

The following item of the report, after considerable discussion, was concurred in :

We further recommend that in future all appropriations shall be accompanied by a deed of trust, duly executed to the Missionary Society, or some other legal instrument, which will secure said Society against loss.

Appropriations.—Alexandria, \$600; Ninth Street, Washington, \$300; Broadway, \$500; St. Michael's, \$300; Williamsport and Berkeley, —; Potomac, \$300; Salisbury, \$300; Patapsco, \$200; Centreville, \$100; Harper's Ferry, \$100; Choptank, —; Sussex, \$200; Newark, —; Accomac, —; Kent Island, \$300; Peach Bottom, \$100; deficiencies from last year, \$400; life member certificates, \$150; total, \$3,850.

Assessments.—Stations: East Baltimore, \$100; West Baltimore, \$220; South Baltimore, \$30; Lexington Street, \$100; Starr Church, \$100; Washington Street, \$40; First M. P. Church, Washington, \$60; Georgetown, D. C., \$220; Salem, Philadelphia, \$60; Laurel, Del., \$40; Cumberland, \$5; Westminster, \$80.

Circuits: Anne Arundel, \$100; Baltimore and Hampden, \$60; Bel-Air, \$130; Bedford, \$60; Caroline, \$30; Cambridge, \$30; Cecil, \$40; Chesapeake,

\$15; Concord, \$20; Dorchester, \$50; Frederick, \$60; Finksburg, \$50; Howard, \$100; Jefferson, \$70; Leipsic, \$60; Kent, \$190; Kennedyville, \$30; Liberty, \$60; Milton, \$20; Somerset, \$60; Stewartstown, \$70; Newtown, \$75; Pipe Creek, \$100; Severn, \$30; Queen Anne's, \$50; Snow Hill, \$20; Seaford, \$25; Susquehanna, \$75; Talbot, \$100; Union, \$40; Whaleyville, \$40; Warwick, \$75; Pocomoke, \$40; Wicomico, \$15.

Missions: Alexandria, \$60; Ninth Street, Washington, \$60; Broadway, \$100; St. Michael's, \$40; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$10; Potomac, \$25; Salisbury, \$30; Patapsco, \$30; Centreville, \$40; Harper's Ferry, \$25; Choptank, \$20; Sussex, \$20; Newark, \$100; Accomac, \$20; Kent Island, \$20; Peach Bottom, \$20; Frederick City, \$30; Lynchburg, Va., \$30; Norfolk, Va., \$10; Heathsville, Va., \$20; Montgomery, Ala., \$30; Greenville, \$37.80.

White Ground and Carroll, referred to the Conference, to be supplied.

1st. We recommend to the Superintendents to use the Life Membership certificates in raising their apportionments.

2d. We further recommend that the ministerial members of the Missionary Committee for next year be appointed at this Conference.

D. W. BATES, *Chairman*.

The Plan for an Improved Book Concern was, on motion, taken up, amended and referred to the Directors of the Book Concern, and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the special Committee of seven on the Plan for an Improved Book Concern is hereby continued, and are authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur among their number; also to enter into negotiations with W. J. C. Dulany, the party of the first part, and the Directory of the Book Concern, the party of the second part, looking to the speedy consummation of the Plan, with liberty to modify it in any form that will not destroy its essential features.

Resolved, That Rev. P. Light Wilson is hereby appointed the Agent of the Committee representing this Conference, the party of the third part, to secure the stock and paper subscriptions called for by the Plan, said Agency to be uncompensated.

On motion, Dr. Webster was appointed Conference Missionary.

On motion, it was resolved that the thanks of the Conference are cordially tendered to the citizens of Washington and Georgetown for the hospitable entertainment of its members during the present session.

On motion, it was resolved that the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the Secretary of the Conference and his assist-

ants for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

The report of Special Committee to whom was referred a paper relating to Sunday law, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, A bold and strenuous effort is now being made by a portion of the population of the State of Maryland to secure the repeal of the law known as the "Sunday law;" and

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of this Conference that any modification of said law, which would weaken the restrictive force thereof, would render probable its entire repeal and tend to a general desecration of the Sabbath; therefore,

Resolved, That we entertain the hope that the General Assembly of this State will decline to pass any act which would in any degree lessen the restrictions of said law.

HOWARD MEEKS, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause was amended and adopted:

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report that the total amount by collections for the past year is \$221.93. This amount was contributed by twenty-nine charges. We regret that we have no returns from nine Stations, eighteen Circuits, and twelve Missions. The money received by your Committee has been paid over to the Agent of the Maryland State Bible Society, except \$31.60 now in hand, and which will be paid over immediately to said Agent. Your Committee recommend:

1st. That the amount thus paid be applied to making Rev. J. M. Elderdice, J. J. Murray, D. D., and D. F. Ewell, M. D., Life Directors, and Rev. J. W. Charlton and F. Swentzel, M. D., Life Members of the Maryland State Bible Society.

2d. That the collections for the Bible cause be continued; that they be taken up as early in the Conference year as practicable, and that the brethren having charge of the same, be authorized to pay over the money to the Agent of the State Bible Society, taking his receipt for the same, as contributed by this Conference, to constitute such of its members as may be named by the Conference at its next session, Life Directors or Life Members of said Bible Society.

3d. That the amounts contributed to this cause by the Circuits, Stations and Missions for the past year be published in the Minutes. (The list is herewith submitted.)

4th. Your Committee would urge upon the members of Conference and the Church at large the importance and necessity of renewed and increased exertions in behalf of the Bible cause, inasmuch as upon the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures depends, to a great extent, the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth.

Collections for Bible Cause—West Baltimore, \$20; Lexington Street, \$6.25; Georgetown, D. C., \$24; Laurel, Del., \$25; Newtown, Md., \$2.16; Westminster, Md., \$5; Salem, Phila., \$1; Anne Arundel Church, \$2; Bel Air, Md., \$9.80; Bedford, Md., \$4.60; Clarksville, \$1.25; Cecil, \$1; Dorchester, \$8.25; Frederick, \$8.36; Finksburg, \$1; Jefferson Circuit, \$10; Kent, \$12.50; Stewartstown, \$3.75; Talbot, \$35.35; Union, \$3; Warwick, \$3.36; Snow Hill, \$5; Choptank, \$2; Centreville, \$2; Harmony, \$5; Saint Michael's, \$7.50; Salisbury, \$1.80; Patapsco, \$1; White Ground, \$5; Carroll, \$5. Total amount, \$221.93.

J. T. WARD, *Chairman*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Society met. The President, D. A. Shermer, in the chair.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year : President, A. S. Eversole; Vice-Presidents, J. T. Murray, T. D. Valiant; Secretary, Charles H. Richardson; Treasurer, John G. Clarke; Board of Managers, D. A. Shermer, R. Scott Norris, F. Swentzel, H. F. Zollickoffer, John G. Clarke, J. Evans, Jr.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, Christian appeal for peaceable settlement to the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, in the matter of certain Church property in the city of Cumberland, in the unlawful possession of the Agents of said Conference, having been denied upon formal application by authorized representatives of this Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of this Conference, is hereby authorized and instructed to employ, on such terms as their own judgment may dictate, competent legal counsel, and under his direction, proceed without delay to recover possession of the Church and Parsonage of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the city of Cumberland, now unlawfully held from the rightful use and possession of the only legal members of said Church, by certain usurping parties, said property having been transferred by the adhering male members of the Methodist Protestant Church by proper deed of conveyance, as an incorporate body, to the Missionary Society of this Conference.

Resolution adopted, by a vote of 75 for, 10 against.

On motion, the Book Directory were requested to furnish the amount of money that may be required for Life Membership Card for use of our Sunday Schools.

C. H. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.

| CHARGES. | Assessment. | Paid. | Deficiency. | Excess. |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| STATIONS. | | | | |
| East Baltimore..... | \$100 00 | \$102 00 | ..... | \$2 00 |
| West Baltimore..... | 200 00 | 270 70 | ..... | 70 70 |
| South Baltimore..... | 30 00 | 3 06 | \$26 94 | ..... |
| Washington Street..... | 40 00 | 6 11 | 33 89 | ..... |
| *Starr Church..... | 100 00 | 127 66 | ..... | 27 66 |
| Lexington Street..... | 100 00 | 75 75 | 24 25 | ..... |
| Lynchburg, Virginia..... | 30 00 | 100 00 | ..... | 70 00 |
| Georgetown, D. C..... | 200 00 | 285 00 | ..... | 85 00 |
| Laurel, Delaware | 40 00 | 40 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Montgomery, Alabama..... | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Salem, Maryland..... | 30 00 | 19 50 | 10 50 | ..... |
| Salem, Philadelphia..... | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Norfolk, Virginia..... | 10 00 | 11 00 | ..... | 1 00 |
| Newtown, Maryland..... | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Cumberland..... | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| *Westminster | 75 00 | 76 85 | ..... | 1 85 |
| CIRCUITS. | \$1,105 00 | \$1,267 63 | \$95 58 | \$258 27 |
| Anne Arundel and Severn.... | \$120 00 | \$72 50 | \$47 50 | ..... |
| Bel-Air..... | 130 00 | 84 75 | 43 25 | ..... |
| Baltimore..... | 60 00 | 49 50 | 10 50 | ..... |
| Bedford..... | 60 00 | 23 86 | 36 14 | ..... |
| Clarksville..... | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Caroline | 30 00 | 30 55 | ..... | \$0 55 |
| Cambridge..... | 30 00 | 10 25 | 19 75 | ..... |
| Cecil..... | 40 00 | 21 00 | 19 00 | ..... |
| Chesapeake..... | 30 00 | 9 43 | 20 57 | ..... |
| Concord | 20 00 | 12 00 | 8 00 | ..... |
| Dorchester..... | 50 00 | 95 00 | ..... | 45 00 |
| Frederick..... | 60 00 | 11 00 | 49 00 | ..... |
| Finksburg..... | 50 00 | 46 00 | 4 00 | ..... |
| Howard..... | 60 00 | 9 89 | 50 11 | ..... |
| Heathsville, Virginia..... | 30 00 | 5 10 | 24 90 | ..... |
| Jefferson Cir. and Lew. Miss.. | 70 00 | 70 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Leipsic | 60 00 | 23 00 | 37 00 | ..... |
| Kent | 190 00 | 112 78 | 77 22 | ..... |
| Kennedyville..... | 30 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Liberty..... | ..... | 21 88 | ..... | 21 88 |
| Milton..... | 20 00 | 5 60 | 14 40 | ..... |
| Pipe Creek..... | 75 00 | 24 46 | 50 54 | ..... |
| Pocomoke | 40 00 | 28 00 | 12 00 | ..... |
| Somerset..... | 60 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Stewartstown..... | 70 00 | 64 50 | 5 50 | ..... |
| Susquehanna | 60 00 | 50 50 | 9 50 | ..... |
| Seaford..... | 20 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Talbot..... | 100 00 | 31 50 | 68 50 | ..... |

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—CONTINUED.

| CHARGES. | Assessment. | Paid. | Deficiency. | Excess. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Union..... | \$40 00 | \$16 00 | \$24 00 | ..... |
| Warwick | 60 00 | 40 20 | 19 80 | ..... |
| Whaleyville..... | 40 00 | 40 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Queen Anne's..... | 70 00 | 26 80 | 43 20 | ..... |
| Snow Hill..... | 20 00 | 11 42 | 8 58 | ..... |
| MISSIONS. | \$1,825 00 | \$1,167 41 | \$722 96 | \$67 43 |
| Alexandria..... | \$60 00 | \$60 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Broadway..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Choptank..... | 20 00 | 10 50 | \$9 50 | ..... |
| Centreville..... | 60 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| East Washington..... | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ninth Street, D. C..... | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Newark, N. J..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Potomac..... | 15 00 | 10 50 | 4 50 | ..... |
| Harmony..... | 20 00 | 3 00 | 17 00 | ..... |
| St. Michael's..... | 25 00 | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sussex..... | 20 00 | 28 30 | ..... | \$8 30 |
| Salisbury | 30 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Tyaskin..... | 10 00 | 16 10 | ..... | 6 10 |
| Harper's Ferry..... | 25 00 | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Patapsco..... | 30 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Williamsport and Berkeley... | 30 00 | 18 00 | 12 00 | ..... |
| Kent Island..... | 20 00 | 30 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| Frederick City..... | 50 00 | 50 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Peach Bottom..... | 20 00 | 20 00 | ..... | ..... |
| White Ground..... | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| Carroll..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total from Missions..... | \$765 00 | \$726 40 | \$63 00 | \$34 40 |
| Total in the District..... | \$3,695 00 | \$3,161 44 | \$881 54 | \$360 11 |

* To be credited to Sabbath School—Westminster, \$25; Starr Church, \$50; Buckeystown Mission, \$25. Percentage, .91084.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Total in the District..... | \$3,161 44 |
| Anniversary Fees..... | 50 62 |
| “ Collections..... | 484 32 |
| From Mrs. A. Scull, of New Jersey..... | 3 00 |
| “ Mrs. Hannah Horne..... | 10 00 |
| “ D. E. Reese..... | 10 00 |
| “ Mrs. Newman..... | 1 00 |
| “ a little girl's mite box, Howard County..... | 5 00 |
| “ a little boy at Harmony Appointment, Cecil County, Md... | 1 06 |
| “ Charleston (Colored) Church..... | 2 00 |
| Total Collections..... | \$3,728 44 |
| Paid deficiency of last year..... | 824 37 |
| , Amount for distribution..... | \$2,904 07 |

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—CONTINUED.
DISTRIBUTION.

| MISSIONS. | Amount Appropri- ated. | Amount Paid. | Deficiency. |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Alexandria..... | \$500.00 | \$455.42.0 | \$44.58.0 |
| Ninth Street, Washington..... | 300.00 | 273.25.2 | 26.74.8 |
| Broadway, Baltimore..... | 500.00 | 455.42.0 | 44.58.0 |
| St. Michael's..... | 250.00 | 227.71.0 | 22.29.0 |
| Williamsport and Berkeley..... | 100.00 | 91.08.4 | 8.91.6 |
| Potomac..... | 200.00 | 182.16.8 | 17.83.2 |
| Salisbury..... | 300.00 | 273.25.2 | 26.74.8 |
| Patapsco..... | 200.00 | 182.16.8 | 17.83.2 |
| Frederick City..... | 200.00 | 182.16.8 | 17.83.2 |
| Centreville..... | 200.00 | 182.16.8 | 17.83.2 |
| Harper's Ferry..... | 100.00 | 91.08.4 | 8.91.6 |
| Sussex..... | 200.00 | 182.16.8 | 17.83.2 |
| Peach Bottom..... | 100.00 | 91.08.4 | 8.91.6 |
| President's Deficiency..... | 27.30 | 24.96.6 | 2.33.4 |
| | \$3,177.30 | \$2,894.11.2 | \$283.18.8 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.~

R. WHINNA, *Steward.*

Ministerial Members of the Missionary Committee: D. A. Shermer,
J. T. Murray, R. S. Rowe.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

| CHARGES. | Members. | Probationers. | Ministers. | Preachers. | Churches. | Parsonages. | Colored Members. | Sabbath Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. | Value of Church Property. |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| STATIONS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Baltimore | 265 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 22 | 156 | 500 | \$25,000 |
| West Baltimore..... | 205 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 18 | 127 | 400 | 25,000 |
| South Baltimore..... | 158 | 15 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 30 | 100 | 150 | 21,000 |
| Washington Street..... | 150 | 17 | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 24 | 326 | 390 | 16,000 |
| Starr Church..... | 276 | 58 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 34 | 277 | 468 | 40,000 |
| Lexington Street..... | 106 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 25 | 140 | 450 | 15,000 |
| Georgetown..... | 313 | 9 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 35 | 355 | 900 | 40,000 |
| Newtown..... | 120 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 13 | 150 | 299 | 3,500 |
| Laurel, Delaware..... | 91 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 12 | 90 | 380 | 8,000 |
| Centreville, Maryland..... | 65 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | 15 | 500 | 9,000 |
| Salem, Maryland..... | 59 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 10 | 45 | 100 | 3,000 |
| Westminster..... | 152 | 32 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 32 | 205 | 700 | 18,000 |
| CIRCUITS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel and Severn..... | 216 | 19 | .. | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 3 | 19 | 135 | 400 | 12,000 |
| Belair..... | 262 | 42 | .. | .. | 7 | 1 | .. | 6 | 50 | 279 | 750 | 19,000 |
| Baltimore.... | 260 | .. | .. | 3 | 5 | .. | .. | 8+ | 80 | 300 | 1,600 | 12,000 |
| Bedford..... | 180 | 7 | 1 | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 6 | 60 | 204 | 600 | 12,000 |
| Clarksville..... | 75 | 5 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 15 | 45 | 100 | 5,000 |
| Caroline..... | 308 | 30 | .. | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 3 | 25 | 225 | 1,000 | 9,500 |
| Cambridge..... | 61 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | 250 | 3,000 |
| Cecil..... | 303 | 21 | 1 | .. | 7 | 1 | .. | 6 | 40 | 300 | 1,400 | 14,000 |
| Chesapeake | 85 | 1 | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 12 | 61 | 46 | 7,000 |
| Concord..... | 140 | 7 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | 1,800 |
| Dorchester..... | 400 | 16 | .. | 0 | 6 | 1 | .. | 7 | 45 | 220 | 400 | 9,000 |
| Frederick..... | 486 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | .. | 7 | 90 | 550 | 1,055 | 11,000 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

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ANNUAL MINUTES

| CHARGES. | Members. | Probationers. | Ministers. | Preachers. | Churches. | Parsonages. | Colored Members. | Sabbath Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. | Value of Church Property. |
|---|----------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Finksburg | 300 | 20 | 1 | .. | 7 | .. | .. | 6½ | 60 | 400 | 1,200 | \$11,500 |
| Howard | 240 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | .. | 7 | 61 | 350 | 675 | 13,000 |
| Jefferson Circuit and Lewistown Mission | 211 | 41 | .. | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 6 | 87 | 322 | 1,609 | 14,500 |
| Leipsic | 185 | 44 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 3 | 12 | 220 | 650 | 4,800 |
| Kent | 206 | 9 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 30 | 210 | 711 | 10,700 |
| Kennedyville | 132 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 16 | 115 | 570 | 6,000 |
| Liberty | 291 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 60 | 240 | 1,000 | 9,200 |
| Milton | 200 | 25 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 14 | 200 | 350 | 2,000 |
| Pipe Creek | 249 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 3½ | 25 | 200 | 600 | 13,500 |
| Pocomoke | 109 | 28 | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | 24 | 60 | 200 | 4,500 |
| Somerset | 198 | 15 | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 18 | 140 | 315 | 4,000 |
| Stewartstown | 276 | 69 | 1 | .. | 4½ | 1 | .. | 4 | 50 | 350 | 800 | 9,800 |
| Susquehanna | 142 | 69 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 37 | 200 | 575 | 9,500 |
| Seaford | 102 | 10 | .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | 35 | 130 | 550 | 7,000 |
| Talbot | 205 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | .. | 3 | 60 | 200 | 1,000 | 16,000 |
| Warwick | 164 | 44 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 32 | 200 | 1,200 | 6,000 |
| Whaleyville | 280 | 3 | 1 | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 7 | 100 | 200 | 600 | 6,000 |
| Queen Anne's | 164 | 24 | .. | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 10 | 90 | 700 | 5,000 |
| Snow Hill | 106 | .. | .. | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | 13 | 62 | 509 | 4,000 |
| Union | 255 | 6 | .. | .. | 5 | 1 | .. | 3 | 30 | 109 | 250 | 5,200 |
| MISSIONS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria | 74 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 25 | 80 | .... | 38,000 |
| Broadway | 200 | 29 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 40 | 231 | 784 | 30,000 |
| Choptank | 180 | 52 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 4 | 42 | 240 | 700 | 8,000 |
| Ninth Street | 96 | 6 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 13 | 80 | 700 | 38,000 |
| Newark | 210 | 8 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 40 | 270 | 750 | 35,000 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

| CHARGES. | Members. | Probationers. | Ministers. | Preachers. | Churches. | Parsonages. | Colored Members. | Sabbath Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. | Value of Church Property. |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Potomac..... | 71 | 20 | .. | .. | 3½ | 1 | .. | 3 | 30 | 150 | 700 | 4,000 |
| Accomac..... | 150 | 15 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 15 | 125 | 225 | 3,200 |
| St. Michael's..... | 51 | .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 10 | 30 | 700 | 4,000 |
| Sussex..... | 82 | 15 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 30 | 150 | 500 | 1,200 |
| Salisbury..... | 146 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 12 | 90 | 250 | 8,500 |
| Tyaskin..... | 99 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 16 | 105 | 136 | 1,500 |
| Harper's Ferry... .. | 105 | 34 | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 28 | 130 | 1,309 | 10,000 |
| Patapsco..... | 170 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 14 | 120 | 303 | 6,000 |
| Salem, Philadelphia..... | 139 | 27 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 22 | 225 | 1,000 | 13,000 |
| Williamsport and Berkeley..... | 92 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | 25 | 100 | 400 | 9,000 |
| Kent Island..... | 80 | 5 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 16 | 75 | 400 | 6,800 |
| Frederick City..... | 49 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 16 | 67 | 276 | 5,000 |
| Peach Bottom..... | 113 | 61 | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 4 | 30 | 200 | 300 | 4,000 |
| East Washington..... | 283 | 32 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 33 | 369 | 170 | 17,000 |
| Charleston..... | .... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 190 | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... |
| Cumberland..... | 45 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | 10,000 |
| Total for March, 1872..... | 12,186 | 1,124 | 25 | 27 | 185 | 37 | 192 | 172½ | 1,926 | 11,093 | 26,111 | \$744,400 |
| “ “ 1871..... | 11,435 | 1,156 | 31 | 35 | 189½ | 34 | 349 | 177 | 1,841 | 10,772 | 35,926 | 677,400 |
| Gain..... | 751 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 85 | 321 | .... | \$67,000 |
| Loss..... | ... | 32 | 6 | 8 | 4½ | .. | 157 | 5½ | .. | .... | 9,815 | ..... |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. S. EVERSOLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

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ANNUAL MINUTES

| CHARGES. | Collections. | Salary of Superintendent. | Salary of Assistant. | Amount Paid. | Received from other Sources. | Claim. | Paid. |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Georgetown, D. C..... | \$50 15 | \$1,500 00 | ..... | \$1,500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| East Baltimore..... | 10 50 | 1,500 00 | ..... | 1,500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Baltimore..... | 26 00 | 1,600 00 | ..... | 1,600 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| South Baltimore..... | 50 | 1,000 00 | ..... | 1,000 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Washington Street..... | 1 35 | 900 00 | ..... | 738 23 | ..... | \$161 67 | \$38 80 |
| Starr Church..... | 10 15 | 1,200 00 | ..... | 1,200 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lexington Street..... | 4 84 | 800 00 | ..... | 800 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lynchburg, Va. | 30 00 | No report. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Laurel, Delaware..... | 2 50 | 600 00 | ..... | 650 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montgomery, Alabama..... | 3 00 | 1,200 00 | ..... | 1,200 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Salem, Maryland..... | No report. | No report. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norfolk, Virginia..... | No report. | 400 00 | ..... | 375 00 | ..... | 25 00 | ..... |
| Newtown..... | 1 75 | 500 00 | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cumberland..... | No report. | No report. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Salem, Philadelphia..... | 2 00 | 890 00 | ..... | 890 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Westminster..... | 10 00 | 900 00 | ..... | 900 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Anne Arundel and Severn..... | 7 00 | 800 00 | \$250 00 | 1,050 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Belair..... | 10 75 | 700 00 | 300 00 | Satisfied. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Baltimore..... | 6 51 | 800 00 | 200 00 | 1,000 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bedford..... | 5 50 | 600 00 | ..... | 525 00 | ..... | 75 00 | 18 00 |
| Clarksville..... | 2 00 | 550 00 | ..... | Satisfied. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Caroline..... | 7 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cambridge..... | 1 00 | 200 00 | ..... | 190 00 | ..... | 10 00 | 2 40 |
| Cecil..... | 6 00 | 660 00 | ..... | 530 00 | ..... | 130 00 | 31 20 |
| Chesapeake..... | 1 50 | 500 00 | ..... | 442 00 | ..... | 58 00 | 13 92 |
| Concord..... | 6 40 | 450 00 | ..... | 290 00 | ..... | 160 00 | 38 40 |
| Dorchester..... | 5 65 | 700 00 | 200 00 | 802 94 | ..... | 97 06 | 23 29 |

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD—CONTINUED.

| CHARGES. | Collections. | Salary of Superintendent. | Salary of Assistant. | Amount Paid. | Received from other Sources. | Claim. | Paid. |
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| Finksburg | \$4 25 | \$500 00 | | \$500 00 | | | |
| Frederick..... | 8 80 | 800 00 | | 571 50 | | \$228 50 | \$54 84 |
| Howard | 3 15 | 600 00 | | 458 00 | | 142 00 | 34 08 |
| Heathsville, Va..... | No report. | 400 00 | ..... | 300 00 | ..... | 100 00 | ..... |
| Jefferson Circuit and Lewistown Mission..... | 9 50 | 800 00 | \$200 00 | 901 91 | ..... | 98 09 | 23 54 |
| Leipsic..... | 4 71 | 600 00 | ..... | Satisfied. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Kent..... | 6 50 | 1,100 00 | 200 00 | 1,300 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Kennedyville..... | No report. | No report. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Liberty..... | 7 28 | 700 00 | ..... | 700 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Milton..... | 2 00 | 475 00 | ..... | 300 00 | ..... | 175 00 | 42 00 |
| Pipe Creek..... | 13 60 | 750 00 | ..... | Satisfied. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pocomoke..... | 2 00 | 300 00 | ..... | 300 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Queen Anne's..... | 6 60 | 250 00 | ..... | 229 00 | ..... | 21 00 | 5 04 |
| Somerset..... | 2 35 | 835 00 | ..... | 835 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stewartstown..... | 4 40 | 650 00 | 200 00 | 826 00 | ..... | 24 00 | 5 76 |
| Susquehanna..... | 13 97 | 700 00 | ..... | 700 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Snow Hill..... | 3 10 | 500 00 | ..... | 468 00 | ..... | 32 00 | 7 68 |
| Seaford..... | 4 50 | 500 00 | ..... | 351 35 | ..... | 148 65 | 35 67 |
| Talbot | 26 38 | 800 00 | 200 00 | 926 25 | ..... | 73 75 | 17 70 |
| Union..... | 5 00 | 650 00 | ..... | 650 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Warwick..... | 9 25 | 700 00 | ..... | 700 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Whaleyville..... | 2 00 | 600 00 | ..... | 500 00 | ..... | 100 00 | 24 00 |
| Alexandria | 2 00 | 400 00 | | 400 00 | Missionary Approp'n. \$500 00 | | |
| Accomac | 1 00 | 300 00 | | 300 00 | | | |
| Broadway..... | 3 00 | 800 00 | | 800 00 | 500 00 | | |

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| CHARGES. | Collections. | Salary of Superintendent. | Salary of Assistant. | Amount Paid. | Received from other Sources. | Claim. | Paid. |
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| Choptank..... | 4 25 | \$500 00 | | \$369 00 | | \$131 00 | \$31 44 |
| Centreville..... | 2 70 | 600 00 | | 600 00 | \$200 00 | | |
| East Washington..... | 12 00 | 1,200 00 | | 1,200 00 | | | |
| Frederick City..... | 6 50 | 624 00 | ..... | 771 10 | 200 00 | 52 90 | ..... |
| Harper's Ferry..... | 7 82 | 425 00 | ..... | 354 95 | 100 00 | 70 05 | ..... |
| Kent Island..... | 1 20 | 440 00 | ..... | 320 00 | ..... | 120 00 | 28 80 |
| Ninth Street, Washington..... | 3 00 | 750 00 | ..... | 750 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Newark..... | 10 00 | 1,400 00 | ..... | 1,400 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Potomac..... | No report. | 325 00 | ..... | 300 00 | 200 00 | 25 00 | ..... |
| Peach Bottom..... | 1 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 500 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... |
| Patapsco..... | 2 50 | 700 00 | ..... | Satisfied. | 200 00 | ..... | ..... |
| St. Michael's..... | 2 30 | 400 00 | ..... | 400 00 | 250 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sussex..... | No report. | 300 00 | ..... | 258 00 | 200 00 | 42 00 | ..... |
| Salisbury..... | 3 51 | 450 00 | ..... | 450 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Tyaskin..... | 4 55 | 240 00 | ..... | Satisfied. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamsport and Berkeley..... | 5 30 | 300 00 | ..... | 300 00 | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... |
| White Ground..... | 5 00 | No report. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Charleston, S. C., (Colored) Church..... | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Contribution from Phebean Society..... | 50 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| District Deficiency to the President..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 60 | 4 94 |
| Total Collections..... | \$481 52 | | | | | | |

Percentage..... 24 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SEMPLE ROWE, *Conference Steward.*

REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

Stations.—East Baltimore, \$20.00; West Baltimore, \$67.13; South Baltimore, \$5.75; Washington Street, \$3.25; Starr Church, \$86.25, for investment; Lexington Street, \$7.00; Lynchburg, \$10.00; Georgetown, \$140 for investment, \$78.63; Laurel, \$5.00; Montgomery, \$20.00; Salem, Md., —; Norfolk, \$4.00; Newtown, \$8.80; Cumberland, —; Westminster, \$21.00; Salem, Pa., \$16.42.

Circuits.—Anne Arundel and Severn, \$10.00; Belair, \$38.85; Baltimore, \$10.30; Bedford, \$2.41; Clarksville, \$8.00; Caroline, \$8.50; Cambridge, \$5.75; Cecil, \$6.00; Chesapeake, \$3.50; Concord, 10.50; Dorchester, \$10.50; Frederick, \$5.35; Finksburg, \$4.50; Howard, \$9.27; Heathesville, —; Jefferson Circuit and Lewistown Mission, \$14.26; Leipsic, \$5.38; Kent, \$75.16; Kennedyville, —; Liberty, \$9.91; Milton, \$2.00; Pipe Creek, \$11.60; Pocomoke, \$8.25, paid Dr. Zollickoffer, and rendered in account; Somerset, \$10.00; Stewartstown, \$10.50; Susquehanna, \$16.88; Seaford, \$5.00; Talbot, \$25.02; Union, \$6.00; Warwick, \$48.75; Whaleyville, \$20.00; Queen Anne's, \$14.00; Snow Hill, \$6.00.

Missions.—Alexandria, \$12.00; Broadway, \$9.00; Choptank, \$4.75; Centreville, \$15.86; East Washington, \$12.00; 9th Street, Washington, \$9.00; Newark, \$20.00; Potomac, \$4.50; Harmony, \$2.00; St. Michael's, \$40.00, for investment; Sussex, \$6.02; Salisbury, \$10.00; Tyaskin, \$12.20; Harper's Ferry, \$9.71; Patapsco, \$5.83; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$5.76; Kent Island, \$6.00; Frederick City, \$9.50; Peach Bottom, —; White Ground, \$10.00; Carroll, —.

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| Total Amount from District for Investment..... | \$266.25 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Distribution..... | \$ 844.00 |
| In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for Distribution..... | 4,114.79 |
| Received from Secretary of Society..... | 66.20 |
| “ “ Charleston, S. C., (Colored Church,)..... | 5.00 |

Full Amount for Distribution.....\$5,029.99

Claimants.—J. A. McFaden, claim, \$600; paid, \$391.95. T. M. Bryan, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. John Morgan, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Thomas Lee, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. J. W. Everist, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. John Elderdice, claim, \$550; paid, \$359.26. H. J. Day, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. Daniel Bowers, claim, \$700; paid, \$457.21. Mrs. T. M. Wilson, claim, \$250; paid, \$163.37. Mrs. R. T. Boyd, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. J. S. Reese, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. Josiah Varden, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. L. A. Collins, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. Joseph Scull, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. W. Roby, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. Mrs. W. Kesley, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. W. T. Wright, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. F. G. Wright, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. I. Webster, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65. Mrs. J. F. Whiteside, claim, \$400; paid, \$261.30. Mrs. Christian Eversole, claim, \$600; paid, \$391.95. Mrs. S. A. Rawleigh, claim, \$200; paid, \$130.65.

Full Amount for Distribution.....\$5,029.99

By order of Conference, one-half of Mrs. S. A. Rawleigh's claim, (\$130.65,) \$65.32, was paid to Bro. J. T. Dodd, for burial expenses.

By same order, one-quarter of Bro. J. Morgan's claim, (\$130.65,) \$32.66 was paid to heirs.

The remaining one-half of Mrs. Rawleigh's claim, \$65.33, and remaining three-fourths of Bro. Morgan's claim, \$97.99, making a total of \$163.32, was divided among claimants, as follows: J. A. McFaden, \$13.41; T. M. Bryan, \$8.94; Thomas Lee, \$8.94; J. W. Everist, \$4.47; John Elderdice, \$12.34; H. J. Day, \$8.94; Daniel Bowers, \$15.69; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$5.66; Mrs. R. T. Boyd, \$4.47; Mrs. J. S. Reese, \$4.47; Mrs. J. Varden, \$4.47; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$4.47; Mrs. Joseph Scull, \$4.47; Mrs. W. Roby, \$8.94; Mrs. W. Kesley, \$4.47; Mrs. W. T. Wright, \$4.47; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$4.47; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$8.94; Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, \$4.47; Mrs. I. Webster, \$4.47; Mrs. J. F. Whiteside, \$8.94; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$13.41.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

East Baltimore, \$50; West Baltimore, \$85; South Baltimore, \$25; Washington Street, \$30; Starr Church, \$50; Lexington Street, \$40; Georgetown, \$35; Laurel, \$30; Newtown, \$45; Salem, Phila., \$20; Cumberland, \$5; Westminster, \$40; Lynchburg, \$20; Norfolk, \$10; Anne Arundel, \$50; Severn, \$20; Bel Air, \$60; Baltimore, \$50; Bedford, \$45; Howard, \$60; Caroline, \$45; Cambridge, \$20; Cecil, \$40; Chesapeake, \$35; Concord, \$25; Dorchester, \$35; Frederick, \$55; Finksburg, \$35; Jefferson and Lewistown, \$40; Liberty, \$60; Leipsic, \$35; Kent, \$70; Kennedyville, \$25; Union, \$25; Milton, \$20; Pipe Creek, \$60; Pocomoke, \$25; Somerset, \$30; Stewartstown, \$35; Susquehanna, \$35; Seaford, \$15; Talbot, \$65; Warwick, \$45; Queen Anne's, \$35; Snow Hill, \$25; Whaleyville, \$45; Alexandria, \$35; Broadway, \$45; Choptank, \$30; East Washington, \$35; Ninth Street, \$35; Newark, \$55; Potomac, \$15; Accomac, \$15; St. Michael's, \$20; Sussex, \$10; Salisbury, \$25; Tyaskin, \$10; Harper's Ferry, \$20; Patapsco, \$15; Frederick Mission, \$20; White Ground, \$5; Peach Bottom, \$15; Centreville, \$30; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$20; Kent Island, \$20; Heathsville, \$10; Montgomery, Ala., \$15. Total, \$2,300.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

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PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

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Circuits.—Anne Arundel, J. W. Gray; Belair, John Roberts, R. L. Lewis; Baltimore and Hampden, J. R. Nichols, A. D. Melvin; Bedford, G. D. Edmonston, J. B. Butler; Caroline, W. H. Lane; Cambridge, Henry Bruner; Cecil, W. T. Dumm, one to be supplied; Chesapeake, W. M. Strayer; Concord, W. C. Ames; Dorchester, C. T. Cochel, S. B. Treadway; Frederick, S. T. Ferguson, A. Baker, Sup. Assistant; Finksburg, A. D. Dick, J. D. Sullivan; Howard, J. Thompson, A. A. Harryman; Heathesville, I. T. Adkins; Jefferson, J. D. Wilson, W. J. Neepier; Leipsic, J. M. Elderdice; Kent, J. J. Murray, D. D., T. O. Crouse; Kennedyville, C. O. Melvin; Liberty, E. R. McGregor; Milton, J. H. Ellegood, T. A. Moore, Sup. Assistant; Pipe Creek, H. C. Cushing; Pocomoke, F. T. Little; Somerset, C. H. Littleton; Stewartstown, D. W. Bates, W. R. Graham; Susquehanna, Jesse Shreeve; Seaford, C. McF. Thompson; Talbot, B. F. Benson, J. E. Read; Union, A. T. Melvin; Warwick, S. A. Hoblitzell; Queen Anne's, F. T. Tagg; Snow Hill, to be supplied; Newtown, J. T. Lassell; Whaleyville, W. G. Holmes, one to be supplied; Wicomico, J. L. Straughn; Greenville, Alabama, to be supplied; Severn, J. Clay.

Missions.—Alexandria, J. L. Kilgore, M. D.; Broadway, Baltimore, S. B. Southerland, D. D.; Choptank, W. A. Crouse; Centreville, S. T. Graham; Ninth Street, Washington, E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.; Newark, New Jersey, David Wilson, M. D.; Potomac, J. B. Jones; Accomac, J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.; St. Michael's, J. E. Maloy; Sussex, W. D. Litsinger; Salisbury, J. L. Milis; Harper's Ferry, H. E. Miskimon; Patapsco, W. J. Floyd; Williamsport and Berkeley, W. F. Livingston; Kent Island, A. W. Mather; Frederick City, to be supplied; Peach Bottom, A. S. Eversole, M. D.; White Ground, to be supplied; Carroll, to be supplied.

Left without Appointment.—S. G. Valliant.

Conference Missionary.—A. Webster, D. D.

Loaned to the Missionary Board.—J. E. Darby.

Superannuated.—John Elderdice, J. W. Everist, T. M. Bryan, J. A. McFaden, Thomas Lee, H. J. Day, Dr. D. F. Ewell.

Principal Western Maryland College, J. T. Ward; *Vice-Principal,* J. K. Nichols, D. D.; *Agent,* P. L. Wilson.

Not Heard From.—H. P. Jordan.

Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction.

J. W. CHARLTON,
Secretary.

J. T. MURRAY,
Publishing Committee.

OBITUARIES.

REV. DANIEL BOWERS.

The Maryland Annual Conference was in session at Chestertown. The members, generally, were in attendance. But, one familiar form was absent. That form represented one of the most genial and attractive personages of our entire Conference circle. The beaming smile, the cheerful voice, the engaging manners, the pure life and the consecrated energies, in this instance, had been ours for seventeen years. Year by year, through this whole period, we had met all these in private scenes and in public places. The pleasant picture of the Man, the Christian, the Minister was very familiar. During the term referred to, a Conference gathering without his presence had been unknown. But, when the session now just over, came; when, from mountain eminences, from lowland plains, from cities, towns, villages and rural localities the itinerant laborers, fresh from another year's toils and triumphs, came to gather new strength and receive new directions for their life tasks in the work-field of Christ, *he* came not. We had left him behind in the sick-room. For weary months he had been languishing there. That he could not go up to the annual re-union was to him a sore deprivation. But, patiently submitting to the Divine ordering, he remained at home, following our footsteps with loving interest and fervent prayers.

When his name was called, in the annual official examination, the following letter—probably the last writing executed by his own hand—was read :

BALTIMORE, March 9, 1870.

To the President and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference, in session at Chestertown, Maryland :

DEAR BRETHREN :—I had fondly hoped, until recently, to have been at least near the seat of Conference during its sessions, and perhaps occasionally to have been an interested spectator of its proceedings. But the advice of my physician, that I make no change in my residence until April, leads me to abandon my cherished hopes and accept the privations it imposes.

Experience alone can interpret the intensified feeling of sacrifice involved in the first necessitated absence from our annual and holy convocation of brethren beloved. Some of you, dear brethren, have this experience, and can sympathize with your absent brother. For sixteen consecutive years I never failed to join in the opening hymn, Bible lesson, prayer, and to answer to my name at first roll call. The seventeenth year of my ministry is the first to find me absent at the opening session. But the Lord delayed my coming.

During this present Conference year, I have been able to render but three months service in the charge to which I was called last spring. The other nine months have been spent in sore, but I trust profitable affliction. My silver trumpet has not rusted. Though not able to use it, as in days gone by, yet I have tried to keep it burnished; so that if the Master ever sends me to blow it again, it may make no uncertain sound. But if He orders an exchange of the trumpet for the crown, I humbly trust I may be ready for the coronation.

The pleasure to each of us personally, and the importance to the Church at large, that you have a peaceful, harmonious session, must strike all minds alike. May God, therefore, grant the Conference this benediction.

I hope the Sabbath School Convention of the session will do much to inspire the pastors of the Churches to attend faithfully to the religious interests of the children of the Church, during the coming year. Herein lies our strength and the salvation of our children.

In view of my health, I most respectfully ask the Conference to leave me without an appointment for one year.

And now, my dear brethren, if it be not an encroachment upon the business of the Conference, think it not presumptuous in me, to ask that you set apart a short season for especial prayer to God, that if it be His most gracious will, He may restore me to health and to my office in the ministry?

Praying that the Head of the Church may guide the officers and members of Conference in the management of the interests committed to their hands, I am your brother in the bonds of affliction,

DANIEL BOWERS.

A day or two of the session elapsed, and then the intelligence came that our absent loved one was supposed to be very near the end of his pilgrimage. We ought to have been prepared for this announcement, but we were not. It was a case of "hope believing against hope." The shock was seen in troubled faces; was felt in sorrowful hearts. Then, day after day, came anxious inquiries, until the arrival of Monday's mail from Baltimore brought the sad tidings that *all was over!* We learned, that, peacefully, as sweet slumber comes after the weariness of exhausting toils, the suffering Christian pastor, amid the opening light of the holy Sabbath morn, had passed through the gateway of death. How dark earth's side of the picture, with a desolated household and a bereaved Church! How bright heaven's side, with blest companionship, happy reunion and immortality!

From notes dictated, in his last hours, we extract the following data:

Bro. Bowers was born in Frederick county, Maryland, March 16th, 1832; under the ministry of Rev. G. G. Brooke, born again, October, 1848; licensed to preach the Gospel, June, 1853, by the Quarterly Conference of Harper's Ferry Station—Rev. David Wilson being in charge. September 21st, of the same year, having been employed by Rev. Dr. John S. Reese, President of Conference, he commenced his itinerant career, as Assistant to Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, on Kent Circuit. At the ensuing session of the Annual Conference, he was received into connection with that body, and re-appointed to Kent Circuit. Then came, in succession, the following appointments: Queen Anne's Circuit, one year; Cumberland Station, two years; Talbot Circuit, one year; Twentieth Street Station, Philadelphia, two years; Newtown Circuit, three years; Georgetown Station, two years; East Baltimore Station, four years. During this latter term, he served on the Editorial Committee of the *Methodist Protestant*, and was, ex-officio, a member of the Book Directory. In 1867 he was elected to the General Convention of the Church, at Montgomery, Ala. At the conclusion of his constitutional pastorate of East Baltimore Station, by the advice of a number of the senior members of Conference, and the consent of the body, he accepted, for one year, a call to Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church, Baltimore. In July, of this year, his health suddenly failed, necessitating a resignation of his pastoral charge.

From this severe attack, Bro. Bowers never fully recovered. In connection with direct medical skill, a short sea voyage was tried; but it proved ineffectual. The patient sufferer gradually declined, until March 19th, that holy Rest-day, when the angel of his release came, opening wide for his admission the doors of heaven's eternal home.

An editorial of the *Methodist Protestant*, on the subject of this departure, written on the above day, has this remark: "Crowds of the loving and bereaved, from the different sections of the city, throng the apartments, to take a last look at the dear placid countenance of the beloved pastor and friend; and to utter a prayer for his desolate widow and children."

Monday, a Memorial Service, in the presence of a large congregation, was held at Chatsworth Church, and by their request, under the direction of Rev. Dr. A. Webster, of our own Church, who invited to assist him Rev. W. K. Boyle, pastor elect of Chatsworth, Rev. Dr. Hamner, of the Presbyterian,

Rev. J. A. Williams, of Bethany Independent Methodist, and Rev. Samuel Rogers, of the M. E. Church South.

Tuesday, attended by a delegation from Chatsworth Church, relatives, and other friends accompanying, the body was conveyed to Chestertown, the parental home of Sister Bowers. On the arrival, the loved form was received by the entire Conference, and borne in solemn procession to the residence of Bro. John T. Dodd. At a subsequent hour of the day the corpse was removed, for funeral rites, to the Conference Church. Then a scene was presented, unexampled in all our history. In front of the chancel, there lay the body of a soldier of Christ, of stainless escutcheon, his last battle fought, and his victory complete; while, gathered round, were the full ranks of the surviving and tearful associates of his holy strife!

The following services were now performed:

Appropriate Scripture lessons by Rev. T. D. Valiant; prayer by President of Conference; addresses by Rev. Drs. Southerland and Murray; announcement and singing, the congregation joining, of the 641st hymn—"Lo! the prisoner is released"—by Rev. Dr. Nichols.

Thus were the rites of sepulture given to Daniel Bowers! Loving his Conference as he did, could he have desired circumstances of any other character in connection with his coffined clay? There, surrounding his bier—there, weeping his departure—there, rejoicing in his triumph—were the full company of his official associates, and personal friends! There, in a presence more highly prized by him than any earth could give, he reposed in his last slumber, while hearts that knew and loved him best were throbbing over his tranquil form their mingled grief and joy!

On Wednesday, the body was committed to its last resting place in the Chestertown Cemetery.

Sabbath evening, 27th instant, a Memorial Service was held, at East Baltimore Station. After appropriate singing by the choir, Rev. Dr. Kepler, of the M. E. Church South, offered prayer, and Rev. J. Thomas Murray, the pastor, preached a suitable discourse, from the text: "Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Gen., v: 24.

A word of personal delineation, and our task, sad, yet pleasing, will be accomplished.

Bro. Bowers was of medium size, light in complexion, blue eyes, and, when in health, of round full form. His manners were easy, graceful and attractive. A heart full of kindness for everybody, he never failed to have friends. We have rarely, if ever known, a more popular pastor. As a preacher, he was earnest, spiritual and emotional. Always compelling the respect of his congregations by his thoughtful, fervent presentation of Gospel themes, in his best moods he moved his audiences by a tender, touching eloquence. A man of one work, he gave himself wholly to it. That work is now finished. He has passed away from us in his prime. But his record is engraven upon many living hearts.

And if the brightest diadem
Whose gems of glory purely burn
Around the ransomed ones in bliss,
Be evermore reserved for them
Who here, through toil and sorrow, turn
Many to righteousness,
May we not think of him as wearing
That star-like crown of light, and bearing
Amid heaven's white and blissful band,
The fadeless palm-branch in his hand;
And joining with a seraph's tongue
In that new song the elders sung,
Ascribing to its blessed Giver
Thanksgiving, love, and praise forever?

March 30th, 1871.

REV. HENRY C. HAYGHE.

REV. HENRY C. HAYGHE departed this life December 17, 1871, at the residence of Mr. T. B. Sutton, in Kennedyville, Kent County, Maryland. He was born in Baltimore, January 5, 1844. He was converted under the ministry of his Chaplain, during a revival in the military camp at Maryland Heights, in the fall of 1862. After leaving the army, he joined the Methodist Protestant Church at the Providence appointment, on Belair Circuit, Harford county, Maryland. His pious parents dedicated him to the Lord, and the fondest wish of his mother was to see him a minister of the Gospel; but the desire was not realized during her life. In March, 1869, he began the work of the ministry, as the assistant of Rev. John Roberts, on Howard Circuit. The following spring he was sent to Baltimore Circuit, under the superintendency of Rev. Daniel W. Bates. In 1871 he was appointed Superintendent of Kennedyville Circuit, where he spent the last, most laborious and fruitful year of his ministry. His ministerial life was brief, and not only one full of promise, but which bore fruit during its short day.

Bro. Hayghe possessed an open countenance, frank and pleasing manners, well calculated to impress one with the fact that he was of a noble, generous nature. The estimate of his character given by various persons who were qualified to weigh it, both by favoring opportunities and discriminating judgment, shows that he was a young man of extraordinary moral worth. We give first the beautiful tribute of his first Superintendent, Rev. John Roberts:

"I felt a peculiar affection for him. He had so many admirable traits of character. It could not be said that he had a brilliant mind, though he was endowed largely with that estimable quality, common sense; but he was sincere, trustworthy, generous, affectionate, enterprising and courageous as to his natural endowments; and grace had made him humble, childlike and zealous in spirit. Though I have had many pleasant associates in the work, who were both agreeable and efficient co-laborers, I never had a superior to Henry C. Hayghe. Perhaps the best word I can—now that he is gone—say for him is, all the little children were fond of him; it was so especially with mine. And while this was so, he was an indefatigable worker, and let no weather or other difficulty keep him from his appointments. I think I never knew a man of less selfishness—less mercenary or more obliging. In few words, I regarded him in these respects as a sincere Christian.

"I had also an opportunity of seeing much respecting his inner life, unconsciously to him, and I know that Scriptural holiness was to him a steady object of pursuit. He believed in the Bible doctrine of holiness, and was endeavoring to live it. In many conversations with him on this subject, I know it was not simply a theory—it was a living reality with him.

"There is one other thing I would say. For prudence, Bro. H. was most exemplary. I never knew him compromised in any way, or embarrassed by any difficulty, though of a warm temperament and a most genial social disposition. In fine, great, perhaps, he might never have been—had he been spared—in the ordinary acceptance of that word; but no young man, in our own or any other Church, ever gave better promise of efficiency and usefulness than Henry C. Hayghe."

His father, while modestly withholding *his* estimate of his moral worth, says with respect to his truthfulness, "In his word, I could place the most implicit confidence, and that from a child up to manhood." His sister says: "He was ever the dutiful son, the fond brother, the true friend; and above all, since his conversion, a consistent Christian. I, who knew him best, and loved him most, cannot say too much of him."

Mr. Joseph E. Weer, in a letter to his father, enclosing resolutions of the Church at Kennedyville, says: "I fear they will seem tame when we consider the sad and sudden bereavement that calls them forth. I would we could pay a tribute commensurate with his worth; but our sorrow is too deep to find expression in words. * * Your dear son was taken sick on the last Sabbath he preached at this place, just two weeks before his death. The subject of his last sermon was, "Let your light so shine before men that they

may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. v: 16); and we all remarked it was his best effort, for I do not think he ever preached as he did that day. The Friday evening before his end, he requested some one to sing the hymn commencing,

"O sing to me of heaven,
When I am called to die."

The party not being able to sing, he sang it himself. Bro. Weer continues: "Our brother had endeared himself to every one, and the labors of this Fall will stand as an enduring monument to his memory amongst us, some thirty or forty professing to have found forgiveness of sins during our meeting; and we know there will be many to rise up in the great day that will call him blessed, and his crown of rejoicing will be studded with many stars from this place."

At the request of the brethren, Rev. H. C. Cushing held memorial services on Sunday afternoon, February 4th, in the Kennedyville Church, and discoursed to a large and sympathetic audience, from the words (so appropriate in this case), "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

REV. JOHN MORGAN.

The subject of this memoir was born in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, April 15th, 1811. His parents were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and he was brought up in her communion and fellowship, being required to attend service at the Church once or twice every Sabbath. In 1830, he was married to Miss Barbara Myers. He embraced religion in the Methodist Protestant Church, in Alexandria, in the month of August, 1832. During Bro. Morgan's connection with the Church in Alexandria, he was actively engaged in the Sabbath School, and for years served as class leader. In 1843 he was licensed to preach, and in 1844 was received into the itinerancy of the Maryland Annual Conference, and appointed to Williamsport Circuit, assistant to Rev. J. T. Ward. In 1845-6 he was appointed to Williamsport Circuit as Superintendent. In 1847-8 he was appointed to Pipe Creek Circuit. In 1849-50 to Howard. In 1851-2 to Talbot Circuit. In 1853-4 to Union Circuit. In 1855-6 to Snow Hill. Soon after the rise of Conference this year (1856), his health gave way; he was attacked with hemorrhages, which so enfeebled him that in the fall of that year he had to retire from active service. In 1857 he was superannuated, still residing at Snow Hill. In 1858 he removed to Salisbury, still retaining a superannuated relation to the Conference. In the fall of 1858 he was induced to go South, believing it would improve his health. He spent the winter of 1858 and the year 1859 in the city of Montgomery, Alabama. Under the influence of the Southern climate his health so improved that he removed his family. For several years he rendered such services to the Church in the Alabama Conference as his health would allow, and even sometimes beyond his strength. During the summer of 1871 he was compelled to take his bed, and week after week was he the subject of much bodily suffering, until, on the 17th day of June, 1871, he breathed his last in the glorious hope of a blessed immortality.

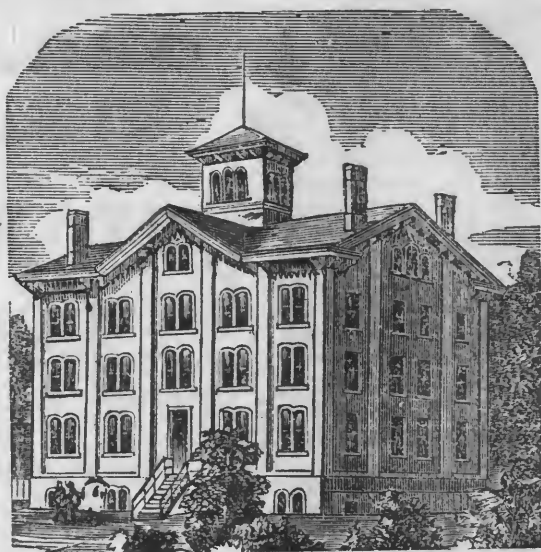
Some time before his death he told his son-in-law, Dr. A. G. Grove, that, if he should depart unexpectedly, to have no fear for him—that all was safe. During his illness he frequently expressed a desire to depart that he might be with those of his loved ones who had gone before, but invariably closed by saying, "It is all right; I would not have it any way but the way God directs."

Bro. Morgan, as a man, was a very sweet spirit, soft in his manners, sympathetic in his nature and very companionable. As a husband and father, he was kind and affectionate. As a minister, he was devoted to his calling, and lived up to his profession, always punctual to all of his engagements. As a preacher, he was clear, forcible and persuasive; he rarely went to Sinai, but lingered about Calvary.

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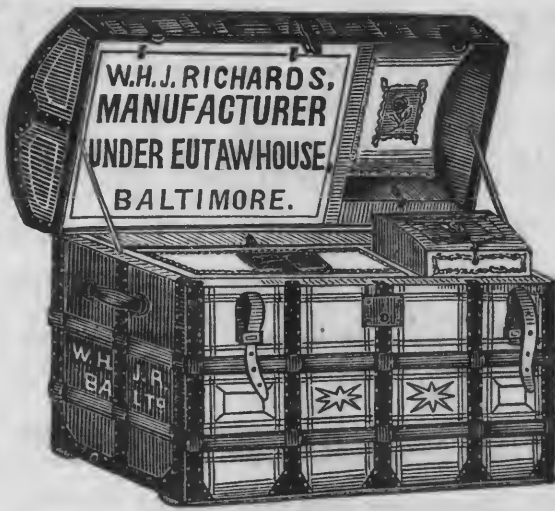
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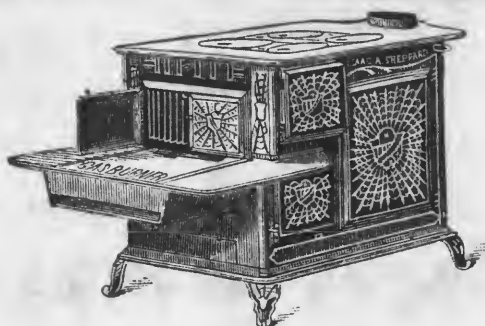
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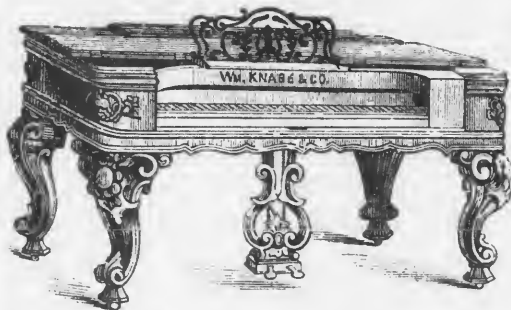
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